(e) The Central Pollution Control Board's laboratory has been monitoring the pollution. Show cause notices have been issued to the defaulting units and upgradation of treatment plants have been taken up. Daman has been indentified as an ecologically fragile area. Inventory of all industries has been carried out by the Central Board to indentify the type of industries that can be permitted in both the places.

[English]

Leprosy Patents

6181. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
SHRI N. DENNIS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government are aware that about four million people suffer from leprosy in the country;

(b) If so, how much allocations have been made by the Union Government for leprosy and whether all the endemic districts are proposed to be brought under a new regime (course of treatment) in a phased manner by the year 1992;

(c) If so, how many districts of the country have been covered so har and how many are yet to be covered under National Leprosy Eradication programme; and

(d) The target likely to be achieved by the Government to eradicate leprosy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMRIMATI. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHAR THA): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c). During the year 1991-92 an allocation of Rs. 2400 lakhs for National Leprosy Eradication Programme has been made. All the 201 endemic districts with prevelance do 5+ per 1000 population have been sanctioned Multi Drug Therapy.

(d) The target is to achieve arrest of disease activity in all the cases by the year 2000 AD thereby bringing Zero transmission rate of the disease.

[*Translation*]

Oral Pills in Place of Insulin Injection

6182. SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR:
SHRI B.L SHARMA PREM:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether an oral pill which is available in the markets of foreign countries has been developed in foreign countries in place of insulin for the Diabetic patients;

(b) If so, the reasons for its non-availability in the markets of India; and

(c) The action taken by the Government to ensure its immediate availability for use of Diabetic Patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI.D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) There is no oral pill in place of insulin the market any where in the world. The oral pill is still at an experimental stage abroad.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.